

SOMMET DE QUÉBEC SUR LES CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES QUÉBEC, APRIL 14, 2015

Monday, April 13, 2015

7:00 p.m. **Private dinner for Premiers | Price Building**, 65 rue Sainte-Anne, Vieux-Québec
Private dinner for Ministers | Bistro B, 1144 Avenue Cartier, Québec
Free evening for delegates

Tuesday April 14, 2015 | Québec Hilton

**7:00 a.m.
to 9:00 a.m.** **Registration and breakfast for delegates**

7:30 a.m. **Private breakfast for Premiers
Private breakfast for Ministers**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome remarks from the Premier of Québec, Philippe Couillard**

9:15 a.m. **Climate change – What can Canada expect?**

Invited experts:

Mr Alain Bourque, Executive Director, Consortium Ouranos

Mr Paul Kovacs, Executive Director, Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction

The world's climate system has been hit by significant changes in recent decades. The impact of these upheavals has already been seen in a number of Canadian regions, and costs are constantly on the rise. How does climate change affect Canadians and their health, infrastructures, security, ecosystems and economy? What does the future hold in store? What benefits can be hoped for through better adaptation to climate change throughout Canada?

In the first session of the day, Messrs Alain Bourque and Paul Kovacs will jointly profile the impact of climate change in Canada and the related social and economic costs in the coming decades. A Q&A will follow their presentation.

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Carbon pricing, and other structuring actions to fight climate change**

The internalization of carbon costs in the economy is being used more and more often throughout the international community, given its efficiency in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In Canada, some governments have implemented market and/or fiscal mechanisms for this purpose. Others, while not using carbon pricing signals, have implemented greenhouse gas reduction measures that target the main emitting sectors. What social and economic benefits have provinces and territories seen from these measures? What are their future intentions?

This session will provide Premiers with a platform for presenting their vision on carbon pricing and/or setting up other structuring actions. The discussion will begin with the presentation of the two main examples of carbon pricing, namely the tax and the GHG emission allowance cap-and-trade system. A round table discussion will ensue, during which Premiers will dialogue about the social, economic and environmental added value of their governments' implemented and/or envisaged initiatives to fight climate change.

12:00 a.m.

Luncheon conference by Mrs Christiana Figueres

Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Christiana Figueres will speak about preparations for the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, which will be held in Paris in December 2015. Her speech will especially focus on the role that Canadian provinces and territories can play in helping to ensure the success of the Conference.

1:30 p.m.

Energy and climate challenges – Joint Solutions

Invited experts:

Mr Mark Kenber, CEO, The Climate Group

Mrs Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Energy challenges are closely linked to the development of a green, resilient and competitive economy. Canada benefits from vast energy resources which, if used wisely, can help reduce its carbon footprint while ensuring economic prosperity. Which approaches to energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon capture and storage, electrification of transportation and energy interconnectivity have been used until now by the provinces and territories? Which factors have facilitated their implementation and social acceptance? Is there any interest in strengthening intergovernmental collaboration in any sector?

Centred on the search for solutions, the third session of the Summit looks firstly to foster a discussion on energy and climate issues and secondly, to assess the potential for intergovernmental collaboration to confront both issues simultaneously. The session will begin with presentations by the following two expert advisers: Mr Mark Kenber and Mrs Christiana Figueres. These experts will then take part in the dialogue among Premiers.

3:00 p.m.

Private discussions among the Premiers

3:30 p.m.

Press conference of Premiers